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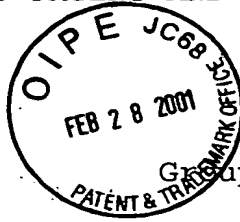
In re Patent Application of

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed September 28, 2000, please amend the above application as follows. A Petition and fee for a two-month Extension of Time accompanies this Reply.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 16-33 as set forth below.

Sub E1
16. (Amended) [An] A computer-implemented auction method for performing an auction on a network, comprising the steps of:

providing information on a product to be auctioned via the network;

collecting [a] desired price [for the product]
information corresponding to a price desired to purchase the